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Re: WHWH (AM), Princeton, New Jersey  
Facility Identification Number: 47426  
Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed February 18, 2010, on behalf of Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC ("MRB").<sup>1</sup> MRB requests special temporary authority ("STA") for operation of Station WHWH during nighttime hours with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power. In support of the request, MRB states that its engineer discovered that the nighttime directional antenna system was operating out of tolerance, and that the antenna monitor has been returned to the manufacturer for recalibration.

Our review indicates that the circumstances presented in the request do not warrant nighttime operation with a nondirectional antenna. To the extent possible, WHWH should operate with its directional antenna during nighttime hours. Operation with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power, although permitted by the Rules in situations where directional operation is not possible due to damage or ongoing construction work, has a greater potential for interference to other stations than directional operation. STA will be granted with modification to specify nighttime operation with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits as the preferred mode.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, with modification as discussed above. Station WHWH may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate restoration of licensed operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MRB must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess

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<sup>1</sup> Station WHWH is licensed for operation on 1350 kHz with 5 kilowatts, unlimited hours, employing different directional patterns during daytime and nighttime hours (DA-2-U).

of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **August 24, 2010**.

**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
Audio Division  
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cc: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC